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SUBJ: SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE AGREE ON BORDER DEFINITION

1. KING FAISAL AND AMIR ZAYED BIN MAKTUM SIGNED AGREE-
MENT MORNING AUGUST 21 RESOLVING THE DISPUTED BORDERS
BETWEEN THEIR TWO STATES. THEY LIKewise INITIALLED MAPS
ON WHICH APPEAR THE NEW BOUNTRIES BETWEEN THE TWO STATES.
NO DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT WERE ANNOUNCED, AND SHEIKH
ZAYED AND HIS PARTY DEPARTED JIDDA ALMOST DIRECTLY
THEREAFTER. VISIT LASTED AUG 19-21, IN COURSE OF WHICH
AMIR ZAYED TOURED JIDDA, ITS DESALTING PLANT, AND PER-
FORMED THE OBSERVANCES OF THE LESSER HAJ.

2. SAUDI PRESS AND TELEVISION HAVE HAILED SAG-UAE
AGREEMENT AS TRIUMPH OF BROTHERLINESS AND ISLAM.

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THOUGH ALL OF THEIR ACCOUNTS KING FAISAL APPEARS AS

THE JUST FATHER AND OLDER BROTHER OF ARABIAN PENINSULA RULERS.

3. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY SAID THE TWO SIDES HAD AGREED TO ESTABLISH TECHNICAL COMMISSION TO DEMARCATHE THE ACTUAL BORDER LINES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS, AND KING FAISAL ACCEPTED SHEIKY ZAYED'S INVITATION TO VISIT THE UAE AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

4. A SOURCE IN THE DIWAN SAID THE SAG WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF ITS DIPLOMACY BUT THAT THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED (PRE-SUMABLY TO MAKE IT LESS EASY FOR OTHERS TO TAKE ISSUE WITH THEM).

5. THE SEMI OFFICIAL DAILY, AL-MADINA, IN A LEAD EDITORIAL CONGRATULATES THE GOVERNMENT ON ITS ACHIEVEMENT WHICH IT SAYS WILL HELP KEEP THE PENINSULA SECURE IN THE FACE OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, AND SUBVERSION. THE SAG WAS WISE FOR HAVING TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO SOLVE THE DISPUTE AND THE UAE WAS WISE TO HAVE RESPONDED. IT WAS NATURAL FOR THE UAE TO RESPOND SINCE ALL KNEW THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAD NO TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS WITH REGARD TO ITS NEIGHBORS. IN CONCLUSION, THE ARTICLE ASSERTS ONCE AGAIN THAT SAG/UAE AGREEMENT WILL HELP TO END THE SUBVERSIVE ATTEMPTS OF VARIOUS SORTS TO DESTROY THE UNITY OF THE GULF.
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